

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Ninth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Ninth Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 0.4% (471) of these admissions reside in the Ninth Norfolk Representative District. 3.6% (17) of admissions from the Ninth Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age.

Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services. In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Ninth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 80% were male and 20% were female.
- 57% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 87% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 6% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 62% were never married, 18% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 24% had less than high school education, 45% completed high school, and 31% had more than high school education.
- 39% were employed.
- 9% were homeless.
- 28% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Ninth Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	57%	26%	6%	2%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003 Ninth Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	350	296	84	78	38	52	33
FY '96	374	325	112	76	46	60	34
FY '97	464	395	131	96	44	81	49
FY '98	433	363	114	106	44	87	59
FY '99	435	375	108	73	43	70	45
FY '00	390	316	102	95	51	79	58
FY '01	399	297	102	78	30	115	80
FY '02	498	383	131	95	47	123	62
FY '03	471	344	126	96	44	122	79